

REMARKS

This is a response to the final Office Action dated May 2, 2007. In the present application, claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are currently pending with claim 1 being the only independent claim. Claim 3 has been previously cancelled and claims 8-17 were previously withdrawn. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

In the final Office Action, claims 1, 2 and 4-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/187265 to Mori et al. ("Mori"). For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses this rejection.

Specifically, claim 1 requires a deposition mask that includes the feature of one or more protrusions that are provided on the body part wherein the protrusions partly protrude inside of one or more of the stripe-shaped openings. As illustrated in Figures 18, 20 and 21 of the present application, the mask 40A includes protrusions 41A that at least partly protrude into the stripe-shaped openings 41 of the mask. As explained in paragraph 70, the protrusion 41A can be provided in order to provide the notch part 17A of the continuous organic layer 17G, shown in Figure 19.

Now turning to Mori, it is respectfully submitted that Mori does not teach or suggest the feature of a protrusion partly protruding inside of one or more stripe-shaped openings. First, the Office Action asserts that Figure 14 of Mori discloses one or more protrusions that are provided on the body part wherein the protrusions partly protrude inside of the one or more of the stripe-shaped openings. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this assertion. Figure 14 of Mori is a cross-sectional view of the mask 200 shown in Figure 6. As can be clearly seen in Figure 6, the mask 200 does not include any protrusions that partly protrude into the openings. Additionally, the cross-sectional view of Figure 14 also does not show any protrusions partly protruding into the openings. Furthermore, as the Office Action has noted in the "Response to Arguments" section, "the examiner notes that Mori discloses that the mask is formed with a number of openings corresponding to the patterns of the organic layers [of Mori Figure 2]." Turning to Figure 2 of Mori, all of the organic layers (11R, 11G, 11B) have a perfectly square shape and are completely devoid of any notches. Accordingly, due to the absence of any notches in the organic

layers of Figure 2 of Mori, the mask that corresponds with these organic layers cannot have any protrusions that at least partly protrude into the openings.

It is also respectfully submitted that Mori does not teach or suggest the claim 1 feature of one or more stripe-shaped openings to form a continuous organic layer common to at least two lines of the matrix configuration. For example, as illustrated in Figure 19 of the present disclosure, the organic layer 17G that is formed by the mask 40A is a continuous organic layer that is common to at least two lines of the matrix -- indeed, in this example, the organic layer 17G that is formed by the mask is common to three lines of the matrix. In contrast, as can be seen in Figure 2 of Mori, each organic layer formed by the mask of Mori is only common to one line of the matrix.


Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that Mori does not teach or suggest all of the features of independent claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that the anticipation rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-7 be withdrawn. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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